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Airports in Gujarat
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government proposes to set up any airport in Gujarat, if so, the details thereof;

(b): the number of direct flights operational from Gujarat to Delhi at present;

(c): whether the Government proposes to set up an airport at Dholera in Gujarat;

(d): if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated, released and spent so far for the project; and

(e): the time by which the airport is likely to be commissioned?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Yes Madam. Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted "in principle" approval for setting up of Greenfield Airport at Dholera in Gujarat in January 2016.

(b): As per Summer Schedule 2016, there are a total number of 135 direct flights between various cities of Gujarat and Delhi.

(c) to (e): Yes Madam. GoI, MoCA has granted "in principle" approval to Dholera International Airport Company Ltd. (DIACL), the project proponent, for setting up of Greenfield Airport at Dholera in Gujarat. Government of India does not have to provide funds for development of the airport which are to be arranged by the project proponent itself. The timeline for construction of an airport project depends upon many factors, such as, land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the project promotor.